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Dear Reviewer:

The Draft Environmental Assessment posted addresses the issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to GX Technology for the purpose of conducting approximately a 4.0 linear mile long 2-D seismic survey within the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson, Texas. The company possesses valid leases to explore and/or develop oil and gas reserves underlying the refuge from the rightful mineral owners. The USFWS must allow reasonable use of the surface of the refuge for these activities.

The purpose of the Federal action is to condition the proposed 2-D seismic survey activities through issuance of a SUP, such that these activities will have the least environmental consequences possible. Issuance of the SUP should help protect the environment in such a way as to further the Refuge's efforts to achieve its established purposes, and the general resource conservation mission of the USFWS.

Comments can be made in writing or electronically by September 23, 2012. Please send your comments to: Oil and Gas Specialist, Texas Chenier Plain Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 278, Anahuac, Texas 77514 or via email to: Denise_Ruffino@fws.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Ruffino at (409) 971-2909. Thank you. Additional copies of the *Draft Environmental Assessment* are available at the McFaddin NWR in Sabine Pass and at the Texas Chenier Plain office complex in Anahuac. The document can be reviewed at area libraries or on the Refuge website:
<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/mcfaddin/>

Sincerely,

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